



**Grace United
Methodist
Church**

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I am a child of God

It's amazing to me that God calls us to be His children. Further, I feel blessed to be called a member of God's family. The Bible says we have been "adopted." But it's not adoption as the world understands it. Here's how the Apostle Paul put it as he's writing to the early church in Ephesians 1:5a...

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ."

There was an old song we used to teach the kids in Children's Worship years and years ago. That old song is about this very thing. Here's how it went...

God is my Father and Jesus is my brother
And the blessed Holy Spirit is my guide.
The devil's no relation for I'm a new creation,
I'm a member of the family in the sky.

Isn't it good to know that the spiritual family you belong to has a heritage that you can be proud of? What a mix of emotion – part joy, part pride, part obligation – that God has decided to partner with us in ministry to the entire world.

When we were on the outside, God considered us valuable enough to want us in the inner circle of His love. That's why He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Now, as others remain on the outside, we must also help them into the fold of God. We must bring them into God's family.

So, make that story of your life in Christ known to others you meet. Offer that invitation to someone who has yet to understand their place in God's kingdom and family. If you'll do that you will sense a divine joy blessing you as you fulfill some of what God is asking you to do for His glory.

Blessings to you in Christ,

Pastor Dan



Continental
Breakfast

Served by Violet Circle
Sunday, August 6
following Worship Service



In your time
of sorrow, my
Thoughts
ARE WITH YOU

Our Love & Sympathy to...

The Family of Clarke Barnes
who passed away on July 6, 2023

Husband of Gayle
Father of Carrie & Patrick

The Family of Helen Holcomb
who passed away on July 4, 2023



- 02 - Todd Davison, Allison Good
- 03 - Wayne Carter
- 04 - Larry Campbell
- 06 - Sandy French
- 07 - Eliza Farley
- 08 - Tari Kneen
- 13 - Corey Neumann
- 17 - Rich Betcher
- 18 - Bryce Johnson, Kelly West
- 20 - Deb Megakurth, Glenn Sigwalt,
Kyle Toone
- 21 - Ashli Rupe
- 24 - Pat Wheelock
- 25 - Jodi Mosbarger, Linda Rice
- 26 - Dave Ernst, Harrison Neumann
- 27 - Linda Oertel
- 28 - Shalee Johnson
- 30 - Mike Rubino, Pat Ufkin



OWLS IS BACK! Thursday, August 17 at 11:30am



Joe & Jackie Mickley will be sharing an exciting look into how a new business is born. They will share the ins and outs of creating their new business in Geneseo. Sign up in the lobby or by calling the office.



- 03 - Brad & Robin Toone (27)
- 06 - Joe & Claudia Loucks (58)
- 07 - Rich & Peggy Betcher (52)
- 08 - Ron & Sheila Clary (62)
- Justin & Valerie Shoemaker (15)**
- 12 - Tony & Missy Beeth (28)
- 13 - Ross & Dana Dwyer (18)
- 19 - **Harold & Joan Johnson (65)**
- 24 - Mike & Molly Hamer (38)
- 31 - Todd & Julie Davison (32)



Fall is coming! The next Book Club meeting is August 1 at 4:00pm in the church library. We will discuss the two books that we have been reading in June & July. They are *Trisha* by Robert Specht and

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. If you love to read, we would enjoy having you join us.



Pastor Dan Seibert
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318 N Center Street
Geneseo, IL

Worship Sunday at 9:00am
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)
Sunday at 9:00am

Sunday School:
Adult Classes at 8:00am

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Geneseo Grace

Prayer Requests

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| Martha Anderson | Family of Clarke Barnes |
| Brant Betcher | Matthew Bodeen |
| Cara & Zane | John Carlson |
| Joey Eaker | Ruth Ann Eaker |
| John Espenses | Evelyn |
| Family Member | Wayne Goodwin (former
Grace pastor) |
| Lyn Gradert | Cameron Hodgson |
| Nikki Haars | Brenna Betcher Holke |
| Family of Helen Holcomb | JoAnn & John Knox |
| Jeanette Klavine | Verla Lohman |
| Jim Larimer | Niece, Mary |
| Courtney Morrison & new twins | Bev Radue |
| Powell's Brother | Ginny Simon |
| Steve Scherer's Mom & Dad | Kelly Veltrot |
| Sally Swanson | Wayne's friend, Kim |
| Alana Wachtel | |

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

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| Greta Baugh | Joyce Criddle | Mary Lou Deane |
| Phyllis Keag | John Riggs | Connie Ryner |
| Sarah Stees | Rita Webb | Phyllis Wiese |

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER



Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



2023 Monthly Offering Budget
\$31,000.00

Received in JULY
\$23,998.08



Food needs: baked beans, coffee, 100% juice, mashed potatoes mix, canned chicken

Non-food needs: Kleenex, food storage bags, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner

Clothing room needs: towels, small & medium women's underwear, men's boxer briefs



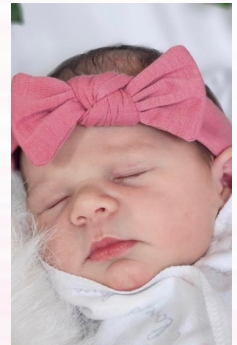
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Cora Grace Sheffler
was born to Cody & Rachel (Orton) Sheffler
on July 7, 2023. Proud grandparents
are Jeff & Mary Orton.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Sheffler's Address: 200 Tansdale Court,
Johnson Creek, WI 53038



Clara Grace & Charlee Jo Morrison
were born to Connor & Courtney Morrison
on July 14, 2023. Proud grandparents
are Doug & Shelly Emerick. Proud Uncle is Michael Emerick.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Morrison's Address: 405 N Washington Street,
Abingdon, IL 61410



Clara Grace (left) & Charlee Jo (right)

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



**318 N Center Street
Geneseo**

**Saturday, August 26
Sunday, August 27**

Grace Church Parking Lot

**DRIVE UP & DROP OFF
10:00am - 1:00pm**

WHAT WE NEED

Cleaning Supplies:

**Window Cleaner
Laundry Detergent
Oven Cleaner
Garbage Bags
Bleach
Paper Towels
Disinfectant Wipes**

Personal Care Items:

**Feminine Products
Hair Products
Toothpaste
Soap
Razors
Deodorant
Kleenex
Diapers**

**AREA WIDE
CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL
CARE COLLECTION BENEFITING...**



august



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship</p>	<p>OUT OF OFFICE</p> <p>Pastor Dan will be out of the office August 1 - 11</p>	<p>1</p> <p>4:00pm - Book Club, Library</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>NO STUDY - Resumes 16th</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events Guest Speaker, Keith Anderson</p> <p>Continental Breakfast following Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>NO STUDY - Resumes 16th</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30am - Teacher's Lunch, Otterbein</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>MISSIONS SUNDAY Regular Sunday Events</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm - Missions Meeting, Library</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm - Apostle John Study, Albright</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm - Apostle John Study, Albright</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 
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